

Appleby Archaeology Group

Notes of The Annual General Meeting of the Appleby Archaeology Group which took place on Tuesday January 9th in the Supper Room, Market Hall, Appleby at 7pm. 2007

Present

Committee members 5

Members of the group 15

Harry Hawkins Chairman
Mike Godfrey Treasurer
Phyllis Rouston Secretary
Martin Joyce Publicity Officer
Martin Railton Newsletter Editor
Trish Crompton

Apologies for Absence none received..

Notes of the last AGM 8/02/05

The notes had been circulated to all members with the autumn Newsletter.

4/2/06 should have read £974.30 with that amendment those present agreed that the notes were a correct record.

1/2007 Matters arising from the notes

7/2/006 1. Community based project at Skirwith this was not pursued as there was insufficient time to develop the project before funding closed in 2006.

2. Eden Project-Penrith Museum the group was updated when Aaron Watson, funded by the project, spoke at the October meeting. Field walking had started but it is likely that the very wet weather will have prevented further field walking to date.

2/2007 Chairman's report

The chairman spoke of the increased membership and enthusiasm of the group and thanked everyone for their continuing support.

He went on to thank the members of the committee for their work and support and Liz Hawkins for her work as membership secretary (a non-committee role). He said that there would be several changes in the committee this year. His three year tenure as chairman ended at the meeting; Martin Railton, founder of the group, was resigning as Newsletter editor and Trish Crompton, another founder member, was resigning from the committee...He thanked them both for their contributions noting that Martin has published the very successful Newsletter since 1998 and that they were, now, both professional archaeologists working in the county and for higher degrees.

3/2007 Secretary's Report

The secretary outlined the year's (2006) activities. The year started with the Members' Evening when Martin Railton spoke of his work as a field archaeologist and Trish Crompton spoke of her experiences with students on a dig in Slovakia. The following six talks covered periods from the Neolithic to 20th century military archaeology. The summer outings and our first winter walk were, where possible, linked to the lecture programme. Martin Joyce led a walk to Oddendale Stone Circle in May, followed in June with a trip to Tynedale to visit Aydon Castle, St Andrew's Church Bywell and Dilston Castle and in July with a visit Newbiggin Hall with Mrs Sawrey Cookson. The first winter walk was in October to Long Meg. Numbers remain disappointing on these outings.

The Committee had met quarterly to plan programmes and activities and to monitor the finances. The secretary concluded her report with a vote of thanks to the retiring chairman

4/2007 Treasurer's Report

Copies of the Financial Report for the year 2006 were tabled. The accounts had been audited by Leonard Coulthard and an audited report is available for inspection.

The opening balance for 2005 was £974.30. The closing balance was £960.89.

The report was moved by Anne Bell seconded by Trish Crompton and was approved by the meeting.

6/2007 Election of Officers

The chairman advised the meeting that Richard Stevens was willing to stand as chairman and Martin Joyce as Newsletter editor subject to other nominations and the group's approval. There were no further nominations and the election of Richard Stevens as chairman and Martin Joyce as Newsletter editor was approved.

The Treasurer and Secretary were happy to continue in office. This was approved by the meeting. Heather Edwards had been asked if she would become a committee member. Her appointment was approved by those present.

Harry Hawkins and Martin Railton will continue to be committee members.

It was agreed not to seek nominations for vice chairman at this time

6/2006 Archaeology Web Site

The committee would like to develop a Web Site and they would be pleased to hear from any members of group who would be interested in this venture.

7/2007 Kirkland

Further survey work was completed during the year and North Pennines Archaeology have submitted a project plan and funding estimates have been prepared for further work however, the allotment owner, is not prepared to give written consent for this to go ahead. Harry Hawkins and Martin Railton plan to meet the owner again, in the hope that further explanation will reassure him.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.30pm.....

Phyllis Rouston